



Leonard's Life



Where everyone is valued and together we reach for the stars.

Issue: 5

Friday 3rd October 2025

A note from Miss Phillips.....

We have had a great week in school. It was our first governing body meeting of the year. Lana Howell who has chaired the board and served as a governor for a number of years stepped down from her post. We are grateful to Lana for her years of service. In light of this, we are very pleased to announce that the board appointed parent governor Carly Colclough as chair, and co-opted governor Sue Alebon as vice chair. We will be hearing more from them on Leonard's Life so watch this space!

I am enjoying seeing the learning taking place in school each week - staff and pupils are continuing to work hard and demonstrate our school vision of reaching for the stars! Parents' evening is coming up after half-term, but staff are always more than happy for a quick chat at the end of the day if you'd like to know how your children are getting on.



School AWARDS

w/c: 29/09/25	Star of the Week	Pride Award
Year N/R	Dottie	Archie
Year R	Ruby-Rae	Bobby
Year 1/2H	Aiden	Lillie
Year 1/2L	Isaac	Aria
Year 1/2R	Eleanor	Gracie
Year 3	Lewis	Otilie
Year 4	Bobby	Jacob
Year 5	Ethan	Mason
Year 6	Sophie	Isaac H-S

Well done everyone!

Teamwork



The core value of teamwork means working well with others to achieve a common goal. It includes:

- Listening to others and sharing ideas
- Taking turns and helping each other
- Solving problems together and being fair
- Celebrating group successes and supporting one another

Teamwork helps everyone learn, grow, and succeed together.

Punctuality and Lateness

We would like to remind families of the importance of arriving at school on time each day. When children arrive late, they often miss valuable learning time and can feel unsettled as they join the class. Our school day begins at **8.55am**, and we kindly ask that all children are in school and ready to start by this time. If we can offer any support please speak to a member of staff.



Have you got any of the following that you would like to donate to school?

Bikes or scooters in good condition for Leo's Den. Or good quality board games and construction sets for Calm Club.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Class	Attendance %
Rec	81.85
Y1/2H	95.45
Y1/2L	91.25
Y1/2R	93.33
Y3	97.42
Y4	95.56
Y5	91.21
Y6	83.67

Well done to **Year 3**.

Look out for your Class DoJo points!

The  **ELSA**
Study



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Screening children for type 1 diabetes



Would you like to get your child screened for type 1 diabetes in the ELSA diabetes research study?

We are screening children, aged 3-13 years, at a clinic near you:

Date: 25/11/2025

Time: 09:30

Location: St Leonard's

Register here: www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk

Contact us: research@mpft.nhs.uk

Scan for info



Was your child born between
**1st September 2021 and
31st August 2022?**

If so, you will need to apply for a place
at primary school for September 2026.

You can apply online at www.staffordshire.gov/admissions
From 1st November 2025

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026

We would like to welcome you and your
child to join us at

St. Leonard's Primary School
Fairway, Stafford ST16 3TW

on the following date:

Monday 17th November (1.30pm - 3.30pm)

Please contact the school office to book a place.

Email: office@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk
or telephone 01785 334960

www.st-leonardsstafford.co.uk

Please share this information with someone you know who has a child
due to start primary school in September 2026.

Know Before You Go!

How to Choose a Safe Sports Club



Join Together Active for Safe in Sport week for a **FREE** Webinar and
Live Q&A for parents, carers, coaches, and clubs who want to feel
confident their child's sports club is safe and supportive. Because
safeguarding in sport is **everyone's responsibility**.



7th October, 2025



6.30pm - 7.30pm

Join Us for a Live Q&A!

Delivered by Safeguarding
and Welfare Adviser, Moira
Willerton, drawing on her
expertise to guide parents
through what to look for in a
safe, supportive sports club.



Scan QR Code
To Register



Safe in Sport Week
6th - 10th October

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What does MHST do?

Support can be offered in the following ways:

- One to one interventions between young person and practitioner
- Groupwork (online)
- Online parent-led anxiety workshops (How to help my child with fears and worries)
- Supporting school staff to develop their whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing

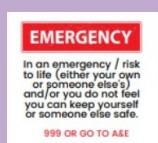


We offer 6 to 8 sessions of guided self help, informed by Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) principles.

Our sessions are confidential but we hope to foster open communication. We follow confidentiality policies, therefore if we have any immediate concerns with your child these will be discussed with you.

Where can I get further support?

We are a low intensity early intervention support team. If you feel your child needs more urgent support, please reach out to one of the services below:



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Mental Health Support Team

Information for parents



Burton and Uttoxeter - 01283 504487
Cannock and Seisdon - 01283 352113
Stafford - 01283 352097
Tamworth and Lichfield - 01785 301027

Who are MHST?



We are a team of Mental Health Practitioners that work with children and young people.

We understand the difficulties young people can face and how this can affect their mental health.

We offer low intensity CBT based support to give children and young people the skills they need to manage these difficulties.



Who MHST can support

We support young people aged 5 to 18 when there is a clear mental health need present, such as:

- Low mood
- Anxiety
- Sleep difficulties
- Worry
- Panic
- Exam stress
- Phobia



Our interventions work best when a young person wants to access support and is willing to put the work in both in and outside of our sessions.



Right service right time

There will be occasions when the team are unable to offer support; we always endeavour to explain our reasoning and to signpost to more appropriate services. The following list gives an indicator of some difficulties that are unsuitable for low intensity intervention:

- Trauma
- Difficult family dynamics
- Bereavement
- Self-esteem / confidence issues
- Drug or alcohol addiction



How can I refer into MHST?

If you believe your child could benefit from support from the Mental Health Support Team, you can reach out to the Mental Health Lead at their school. Alternatively, you can refer your child directly by contacting your local MHST.



Join Us as a Parent Governor at St Leonard's Primary School



Where everyone is valued and together we reach for the stars!

We are proud of our inclusive and aspirational school community, and we're looking for a Parent Governor who shares our vision and values.

Why become a Parent Governor?

As a Parent Governor, you'll help shape the future of St Leonard's by:

Representing the voice of parents in key decisions

Supporting and challenging school leadership

Helping ensure every child receives the best possible education

Contributing to the strategic direction and development of the school

Who can apply?

Any parent or carer of a child currently attending St Leonard's Primary School is welcome to apply.

No experience is necessary, just a commitment to our vision and a desire to make a difference.

We also have vacancies for other positions on our Governing Board and would welcome interest in these from our wider community - this could be grandparents or wider family members.

What's involved?

Attending termly meetings and reading key documents

Working collaboratively with other governors and staff

Receiving full training and ongoing support

What's in it for you?

A chance to positively impact your child's education

Develop new skills and experience

Be part of a passionate and supportive team

Interested?

Please contact the school office or email office@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk to express your interest or ask any questions.

Let's work together to help every child at St Leonard's reach for the stars!



Diary Dates

AUTUMN TERM Please note dates are subject to change, we will always notify you as soon as we can if this happens.

OCTOBER 2025	
Friday 3 rd October	Whole School photograph day – no PE kits to be worn on this day
Monday 6 th - Friday 10 th October	Year 6 Residential Educational Visit - make your payment of ParentPay
Friday 10 th October	Hello Yellow Day - £1 donation to Mental Health Charity on ParentPay. Wear YELLOW.
Monday 13th October	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 14 th October	Class Photographs - No PE kits to be worn on this day
Tuesday 14 th October	Parent SEND Group - 2.30pm
Tuesday 21 st October	Parent Forum 9.15am - all parents welcome to attend.
Thursday 23 rd October	Sports Enrichment - Basketball - all pupils to wear PE kits
Friday 24 th October	9am Celebration Assembly. Families will be contacted the week before if their child has been chosen for an award. Harvest Celebrations - Parents are welcome to join us. Donations for House of Bread. 9:15 am in school for Y1/Y2/Y3 and 10:00 am in school for Y4/Y5/Y6 11.00am – Nursery Harvest stay and play 2:30 pm – Reception Harvest stay and play
Mon 27th to Fri 31st October	Half Term Holiday
NOVEMBER 2025	
Monday 3 rd November	School reopens for pupils
Monday 3 rd November	Y1/2 Families workshops – curriculum link, 2pm
Tuesday 4 th November	Y1/Y2 Pirate WOW Day!
Tuesday 4 th November	Y5/6 Families workshops – curriculum link, 2pm
Thursday 6 th November	Y3/4 Families workshops – curriculum link, 2pm
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week – wear odd socks with your uniform/PE kit
Monday 10 th November	Parents’ evening from 3.45pm
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day – poppies will be on sale
Tuesday 11 th November	Parents’ evening from 3.45pm
Tues 11 th , Thurs 13 th and Fri 14 th Nov	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need – £1 donation for charity on ParentPay - wear something yellow or spotty
Monday 17 th November	Open Afternoon for families of children starting in Reception in September 2025. 1:30 – 3:30pm - Please book your slot with the office.
Tues 18 th , Thurs 20 th , Fri 21 st Nov	Year 5 Bikeability
DECEMBER 2025	
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch in school - Wear your Christmas Jumper or something Festive!
Thursday 11 th December	Sports Enrichment – orienteering PE kit for all pupils
Friday 12 th December	9:00 am – Celebration Assembly Families will be contacted the week before if their child has been chosen for an award
Monday 15 th December	9:30 am – Nur/Rec Christmas Play 2:00 pm – Y1/2 Christmas Play
Tuesday 16 th December	9:30 am –Y1/2 Christmas Play 2:00 pm – Nur/Rec Christmas Play
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Services for Key Stage 2 at: 9.00 for Y5/6 and 10:00 am for Y3/4 - Parents Welcome
Thursday 18 th December	Party Day – children to wear party clothes to school
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of term - School closes 1pm
Mon 22nd Dec to Fri 2nd Jan	School closed
JANUARY 2026	
Monday 5th January	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	School reopens to pupils